(c) No, Sir.

(d) The amendments shall not make the Act weak.

(e) Does not arise.

Amendment in RTI Act, 2005

1714. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are contemplating to amend the Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been instances of bureaucratic indifference to share the content of file noting with the public;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) to what extent exemption of file noting would make the RTI Act ineffective to serve its purpose; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Based on the experience of working of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Government proposes to make certain amendments and clarification to the Act.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Government proposes to specifically provide in the Right to Information Act, 2005, that substantive file notings on plans, schemes and programmes that relate to development and social issues shall be liable for disclosure. It would not make the RTI Act ineffective.

Assessment of All India Service Officers

1715. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether numerous changes in rules have been made in assessing of All India Service Officers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ACRs have become highly personal and cardinal; and

(c) the steps proposed to change the system and make it transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to make the performance appraisal system transparent, it has been decided to disclose Performance Appraisal Reports to the officers reported upon and to constitute the Referral Boards to consider representations from the officers reported upon on the performance assessment.

Age limit for getting jobs

†1716. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have raised the age-limit for getting jobs; and

(b) whether Government are also considering to raise the age-limit, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Matter raised does not concern the Government of India. However, the same is being collected from Government of Bihar.

(b) No proposal to raise the existing age-limit for recruitment to posts in the Government of India is presently under consideration.

Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)

1717. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the broad objectives envisaged in constituting the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT);

(b) the details of number of cases dealt with by CAT since its inception till 30th June, 2006, year-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.